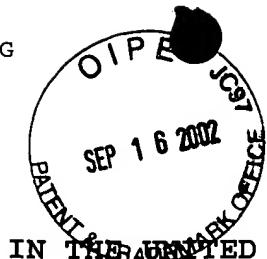


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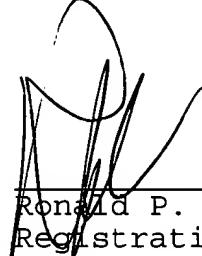
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International application No. PCT/JP99/01441	International filing date (day/month/year) 23 March 1999 (23.03.99)	Priority date (day/month/year) 25 March 1998 (25.03.98)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G02F 1/133, 1/1345, G09G 3/36		
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- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 25 October 1999 (25.10.99)	Date of completion of this report 30 March 2000 (30.03.2000)
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____ 1-37 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages _____ 2-9,11-16,18-19 _____, as originally filed

pages _____ 1,17,20 _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ 10,21 _____, filed with the letter of 23 March 2000 (23.03.2000)

 the drawings:

pages _____ 1-36 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-2,10-21	YES
	Claims	3-9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-21	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-21	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Concerning claims 1, 2

Document 1 [JP, 4-12318, A (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.), 16 January, 1992 (16.01.92); page 2, upper right column, lines 2-3; Fig. 6] discloses the idea of setting the number of output terminals for one of the driver circuits that provide signals to a liquid crystal display device to be a fractional number. In document 1 there are specific disclosures only for the driver circuit side relative to the scanning electrode, but it is considered that it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art that the same kind of connections could also be set for the driver circuit side relative to the signal lines.

Concerning claims 3-9

Document 2 [JP, 7-78672, B2 (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 23 August, 1995 (23.08.95); page 2, left column, lines 32-37] contains disclosures equivalent to those of claims 3-9. It is thus considered that the subject matter of claims 3-9 is not novel.

Concerning claims 10-14, 18-20

Document 3 [JP, 4-52684, A (NEC Kansai, Ltd.), 20 February, 1992 (20.02.92); entire text] and document 4 [JP, 64-84297, A (Toshiba Corporation), 29 March, 1989 (29.03.89); entire text] contains disclosures concerning connections between driver circuits and signal lines similar to those disclosed in claims 10-14 and 17-20.

Since each of documents 2-4 concerns driving circuits for a liquid crystal display device, it is considered that applying the connections between driver circuits and signal lines disclosed in document 3 or 4 to the liquid crystal display device disclosed in document 2 would be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

In particular, the point whereby the driver outputs are provided to the signal lines according to time sharing within a single horizontal scanning period is disclosed in the explanation in the section of document 4 from page 4, upper left column, line 12 to lower left column, line 2.

Concerning claims 15-16

Document 5 [JP, 1-118895, A (Fujitsu General Limited), 11 May, 1989 (11.05.89); entire text] contains disclosures concerning blanking period operation similar to that disclosed in claims 15 and 16.

Since each of documents 2-5 concerns driving circuits for a liquid crystal display device, it is considered that applying the connections between driver circuits and signal lines disclosed in document 3 or 4, and the blanking period operation disclosed in document 5, to the liquid crystal display device disclosed in document 2 would be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

It is also considered that when doing this it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to apply the art disclosed in document 5 to the time-sharing timing that arises in the art disclosed in documents 3 and 4.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box V (Citations and explanations):

Concerning claims 17, 21

Document 6 [JP, 9-319334, A (International Business Machines Corporation), 12 December, 1997 (12.12.97); entire text] discloses the correction of the amount of shift for the voltage-transmittance characteristic.

Since each of documents 2-4 and 6 concerns driving circuits for a liquid crystal display device, it is considered that applying the connections between driver circuits and signal lines disclosed in document 3 or 4, and the shift amount correction disclosed in document 6, to the liquid crystal display device disclosed in document 2 would be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

It is also considered that designing the circuitry in such a way that the correction circuitry is contained inside the drivers would be obvious to a person skilled in the art.